(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that the scheduled first flight of the LCA slated for June, 1996 is adhered to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This news-report is based on partial information. The first flight of LCA is expected to be carried out in June, 1996.

(c) The project is being closely monitored through focussed reviews by three-tier programme management system for meeting the programme schedule for the first flight of LCA.

Sub-standard Products Produced and Sold in India by MNCs

*710. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that products like Lux International, Camay, Fa, Dove, Lifebouy.OI Real, Colgate Palmolive, Yardley Wheel, etc. produced and sold in Indian by MNCs are substandard compared to such products produced and sold by them in International centres;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such sub-standard products as produced and sold in India are with a view to retaining their original brand name for giving stiff competition to local industries which produced such products; and

(c) if so, in what maimer Government propose to protect, the local industries under law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The standards for soaps and detergents have been laid down by the Bureau of Indian Standards and under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules. 'Toilet Soaps' covered under schedule V are compulsorily required to conform to the standards as prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards, irrespective of the fact whether the products are indegenously manufactured by multinational companies or Indian companies.

Projects set up with foreign investment are subject to the same laws as domestic investment.

The policy initiatives and procedural reforms taken by the Government are expected to assist the Indian entrepreneurs to meet the emerging domestic and global opportunities.

Protection of small scale sector still continues and specified items in the consumer sector continue to attract dividend-balancing condition in the case of projects set up with foreign investment.

विधि के संबंध में अध्ययन और शोध को बढ़ावा देने हेतु कार्रवाई

*711. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी॰ सोलंकी: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने विधि के संबंध में अध्ययन और शोध को बढ़ावा देने के लिए कोई योजना बनाई है या कोई कदम उठाए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उक्त योजना के लिए कोई वित्तीय प्रावधान किया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इसके लिए कितनी धनराशि का आबंटन किया गया है?

विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज): (क) और (ख) सरकार विधि के क्षेत्र में अनुसंधान कार्य में लगी हुई निम्नलिखित संस्थाओं को नियमित सहायता अनुदान मंजूर करती है:—

1. इंडियन ला इंस्टीट्यूट, नई दिल्ली।

2. संवैधानिक और संसदीय अध्ययन संस्थान, नई दिल्ली।

3. इंडियन सोसाइटी आफ इंटरनेशनल ला, नई दिल्ली।

(ग) और (घ) वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान इंडियन ला इंस्टीट्यूट को 8 लाख रुपए, संवैधानिक और संसदीय अध्ययन संस्थान को 7.5 लाख रुपए और इंडियन सोसाइटी आफ इंटरनेशनल ला को 5 लाख रुपए की राशि मंजूर की गई थी। वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान इंडियन ला इंस्टीट्यूट को 13 लाख रुपए, संवैधानिक और संसदीय अध्ययन संस्थान को 7.5 लाख रुपए और इंडियन सोसाइटी आफ इंटरनेशनल ला को 2 लाख रुपए की राशि मंजूर की गई थी। वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान इंडियन ला इंस्टीट्यूट को 8 लाख रुपए, संवैधानिक और संसदीय अध्ययन संस्थान को 7.5 लाख रुपए और इंडियन सोसाइटी आफ इंटरनेशनल ला को 5 लाख रुपए की राशि मंजूर की गई थी।

Study on the impact of Press Releases on Rural Development

*712. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Rural Development has conducted any study on the relationship between the actual achievements of Government and the impact of awareness through press releases of various programmes under rural development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether such a study will be undertaken on the impact of such awareness through press releases on rural development and eradication of poverty;

(d) whether there is a positive relationship between awareness through press releases and the rural development; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There are no plans to have such a specific study done in the near future through NIRD.

(d) and (e) Press releases contain information to make the public aware of Government activities in every field including rural development.

All India Competitive Examination for Inspectors of Central Excise, etc.

*713. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an All-India competitive examination was conducted in December, 1993 for recruitment of Inspectors of Central Excise, Income Tax, etc;

(b) how many were finally selected and recommended for appointment to different posts in Income Tax and other Departments;

(c) how many of them have been offered appointment so far;

(d) by when the remaining candidates are proposed to be appointed; and

(e) how long the Panel will remain valid for the purpose of recruitment under the Rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. This examination was conducted by Staff I Selection Commission on 12.12.93.

(b) The Commission draws up separate merit lists on zonal basis for different categories of posts with reference to firm number of vacancies reported from the indenting offices in the concerned Zones. In all, 1471 candidates have been recommended for appointment in different zones subject to verification of their eligibility in all respects.

(c) to (e) The results of the Examination were declared in Jan., 1995. The Commission has so far sent dossiers of approximately 1400 candidates to the respective indenting offices, with reference to the vacancies reported by them, for issue of offer of appointment. These indenting offices are required to issue offer of appointment to the recommended candidates at the earliest after completing